

California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Notice of Public Hearing
of
Amendment Order No. R1-2021-0041
for
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, Waste Discharge
Requirements Order R1-2020-0012
for
City of Santa Rosa
Santa Rosa Regional Water Reuse System, Laguna Treatment Plant
NPDES No. CA0022764
WDID No. 1B830990SON
Sonoma County

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the California North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) proposes to amend the Water Quality Trading Framework (WQT Framework) for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Watershed, as adopted within National Pollutant Elimination System (NPDES), Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R1-2020-0012 for the City of Santa Rosa, Santa Rosa Regional Water Reuse System. The WQT Framework provides the City of Santa Rosa with an optional means for complying with “no net loading” effluent limitations for total phosphorus established in the NPDES permit for its Laguna wastewater treatment facility.

This item will be open for public comment between **September 10, 2021 and October 11, 2021**.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public hearing to consider comments and objections to the proposed Resolution is scheduled for the Regional Water Board’s **December 2-3, 2021** Board Meeting, or as announced in the Regional Water Board’s agenda. This public meeting is currently scheduled to take place in-person and via video and teleconference at 5550 Skylane Blvd. Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, but the format may be changed in the future. Please follow the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board website for information on how to participate in the meeting and any updates regarding this agenda item, including format changes that would allow for in-person attendance at a physical location.

Live video and audio broadcasts of the public hearing will be available via the internet and can be accessed at the [CAL-SPAN network page](https://cal-span.org) (<https://cal-span.org>). The public hearing will be recorded.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. You can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations at the [North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board website](#). At the public hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, reject, or modify the proposed permit.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any written evidentiary material concerning this hearing, any documents, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be submitted to the Regional Water Board email at NorthCoast@waterboards.ca.gov **no later than 5:00 p.m., on October 11, 2021**. All documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing.

Except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair, written material received after the above date will not be accepted. If the Chair chooses to accept late written material, that material will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Permittee or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 648.1 and 648.4).

The Regional Water Board will accept written comments and evidence, and oral testimony at this hearing. Written comments and evidence must be submitted to the Regional Water Board **no later than October 11, 2021**. Oral comments or testimony at the hearing may summarize or explain timely submitted, or late-accepted written evidence but shall not introduce new evidence. The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 20 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Dischargers. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Dischargers, is limited to 5 minutes. A timer may be used, and speakers are expected to honor time limits. Where speakers can be grouped by affiliation or interest, such groups will be expected to select a spokesperson to avoid unnecessary or repetitive testimony.

Document Review

The Proposed Amendment, WQT Framework, and related documents are available at the [Regional Water Board's website for tentative orders for Board decisions](#). Additionally, the Proposed Permit and file may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. During the COVID-19 emergency and pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-22-30, appointments are required for document review and can be made by calling (707) 576-2220.

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Executive Officer
September 10, 2021